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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Enhancing Number of Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government aims to establish a school within 5 km radius across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has carried out any study/GIS based survey to identify locations without schools;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government proposes to undertake such a study and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken by the Government to reach the aforementioned target in a time-bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Central Right to Education (RTE) Rules provide that a primary school shall be established within one kilometre and an upper primary school shall be established within three kilometre of the neighbourhood. Schools are provided to the State/UT under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) scheme according to their neighbourhood norms defined in their respective RTE rules. Preference for opening of schools is given to tribal areas and areas with high concentration of SC, ST and minority population.

Similarly, under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), provision has been made to provide a secondary school within a reasonable distance of any habitation, which should be 5 kilometer for secondary schools and 7 -10 kilometers for higher secondary schools.
(b) to (d): A total of 32 States/UTs have collected locational parameters like longitude and latitude of their existing schools. 28 states have collected this information through an exclusive exercise of GIS mapping and 3 UTs have done it while updating their Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) data. These 32 States/UTs have collected Geo coordinates of 11.01 lakh schools. Information on locations without schools, as per the norms, is analysed annually with the State/UT governments during the Project Approval Board meetings under SSA. 97% of the habitations are covered by primary schools and 76% are covered by upper primary schools